



Cheerfulness

IN NEGATIVE WORLD



AUGUST 3, 2025

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Ruth Elaine Schram

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Congregational Introit **Psalm 100**

vv. 1, 2

All Earth with Joy

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise

vv. 1, 2

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 31

Leader: In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

People: For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

Leader: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

People: I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul, and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

Responsive Psalm **No. 31**

vv. 1-2

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: we confess our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your righteous anger against us. We pray, O most merciful Father, turn our hearts to You, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

Unison Confession of Faith

Definition of Chalcedon

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 4:8-37

Psalm of Praise **No. 31**

vv. 3-4

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

Special Music

All Creatures of Our God and King
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Pepper Chopin

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff.

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to Walkabouts Room, and Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:18-26

Sermon

Cheerfulness in Negative World
Cheerful Faith

Mr. Peter Chace

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Love
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Courageous Faith

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See below)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

*Please note: we will eat together in the pew.
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.
The Elders are serving bread and wine.
To better serve those with restrictions,
please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.*

Communion Hymn

Come Bless the Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **No. 1**

v. 1

That Man Is Blessed

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Nancy Folkerts

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Sermon Materials

Within the story of American secularization, there have been three distinct stages:

- **Positive World (Pre-1994):** Society at large retains a mostly positive view of Christianity. To be known as a good, churchgoing man remains part of being an upstanding citizen. Publicly being a Christian is a status-enhancer. Christian moral norms are the basic moral norms of society and violating them can bring negative consequences.
- **Neutral World (1994–2014):** Society takes a neutral stance toward Christianity. Christianity no longer has privileged status but is not disfavored. Being publicly known as a Christian has neither a positive nor a negative impact on one's social status. Christianity is a valid option within a pluralistic public square. Christian moral norms retain some residual effect.
- **Negative World (2014–Present):** Society has come to have a negative view of Christianity. Being known as a Christian is a social negative, particularly in the elite domains of society. Christian morality is expressly repudiated and seen as a threat to the public good and the new public moral order. Subscribing to Christian moral views or violating the secular moral order brings negative consequences.

~Aaron Renn, "The Three Worlds of Evangelicalism," *First Things*, February 2022

All Earth, With Joy

*I am the good Shepherd; I know My sheep and
My sheep know Me. —John 10:14*

100C
Psalm 100

1. ¹ All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices
2. ⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving, to His courts come

ring - ing. ² With gladness serve the LORD; come to Him
prais - ing. To Him be thankful, and bless His name,

joy - ful - ly sing - ing. ³ The LORD is God. Know that He
your voices rais - ing. ⁵ The LORD is good; His lov - ing -

made us His own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.
kindness endures, His faithfulness lasts forever.

1. Ye choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, Your sweet-est notes em - ploy,
 2. How Ju-dah's Li - on bursts His chains And crushed the ser - pent's head;

melody

The Pas - chal
 And brought with

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to
 And brought with Him from death's do -

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn In strains of
 And brought with Him from death's do - mains The long - im -

The Pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn The Pas - chal vic - to - ry
 And brought with Him from death's domains, And brought with Him from death's

vic - to - ry to hymn
 Him from death's domains

End of st. 6

hymn
 mains In strains of ho - ly joy.
 ho - ly joy, The long - im - pri - soned dead.
 pri - soned dead, run. Al - le - lu - ia!

to hymn
 do - mains

3. From Hell's devouring jaws the prey
 Alone our Leader bore;
 His ransomed hosts pursue their way
 Where He hath gone before.

4. Triumphant in His glory now
 His scepter ruleth all,
 Earth, Heav'n, and Hell before Him bow,
 And at His footstool fall.

5. While joyful thus His praise we sing,
 His mercy we implore,
 Within His palace bright to bring
 And keep us evermore.

6. All glory to the Father be,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
 While endless ages run.

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

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Based on Psalm 31:1-8

C G Am Em F G C

1. ¹In You, O Lord, I place my trust; Let me nev - er be a - shamed.
2. You are my cit - a - del of stone Up - on the moun - tain - side.
3. ⁵As Je - sus cried, "In - to Your hand My spir - it I com - mit,"
4. ⁷I will be glad, re - joice and praise Je - ho - vah's stead - fast love.

G Am Em F G C

Save, res - cue and de - liv - er me, In Your great right - eous - ness.
For Your name's sake, Al - might - y God, Lead, guide and gov - ern me.
I, too, con - fess, O God of truth, Re - demp - tion is in You.
For You have seen my trou - bled soul And known all my dis - tress.

G Em F C Em Am

²Bow down Your ear and hear my plea, With speed de - liv - er me;
⁴Al - though my foes plot to en - snare, Re - move me from their net
⁶I hate all those who ren - der praise To i - dols false and vain.
⁸Though death and Sa - tan held me fast, You freed me from their hands.

C G Em7 F C ^{st. 4 only} Am G C

³And be my rock both sound and strong, My for - tress and a - bode.
Be - cause You, Lord, are my strong - hold, My har - bor and my home.
Though fool - ish men chase fee - ble dreams, I trust in God a - lone.
My feet now march through all the earth, Christ's King - dom to pro - claim.

CITADEL

That Man Is Blessed

For He Himself is our peace.

—Ephesians 2:14

1A

Psalm I



1. ¹ That man is blessed who does not walk As wick-ed men ad - vise,
2. ³ He's like a deep - ly plant-ed tree Be - side a wa - ter stream,
3. ⁵ The wick-ed there - fore will not stand When time of judg - ment comes,



Nor stand where sin - ners meet, nor sit Where scorn - ers pose as wise.
Which in its sea - son bears its fruit, Whose leaves stay fresh and green.
Nor will the sin - ners stand a - mong As - sem - bled righ - teous ones.



- ² In - stead he is the one who makes The LORD's law his de - light,
In all he does he will suc - ceed.⁴ The wick - ed are not so,
- ⁶ Be - cause the LORD the righ - teous loves; The path they walk He knows.



And in that law he med - i - tates By day and in the night.
But they are like the scat - tered chaff Swept by the winds that blow.
The wick - ed walk a dif - ferent path, That to de - struc - tion goes.



Sermon Notes

Cheerfulness in Negative World

June 8	Wealth without Woe	Proverbs 10:22
June 15	A Cheerful Giver	2 Corinthians 9:7
June 22	Cheer and No Loss	Acts 27:13-26
June 29	Cheer Is Enough	Acts 27:33-38
July 6	A Cheerful Defense	Acts 24:10
July 13	A Cheerful Gift	Romans 12:8
July 20	Cheerful Song and Prayer	James 5:13
July 27	Cheerful Forgiveness	Matthew 9:2
August 3	Cheerful Faith	Matthew 9:22
August 10	Cheer Over Fear	Matthew 14:27
August 17	Cheerful Calling	Mark 10:49
August 24	Cheer Overcomes Negative World	John 16:33
August 31	Dwelling in the Tents of Kedar	Psalm 120

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:30 AM Linger Longer Fellowship

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 3:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:30 AM Linger Longer Fellowship

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